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## G. O. P. TO BE RE-ORGANIZED SAY LEADERS

Movement on Foot in East Now to Completely Re-habilitate the Shattered Party—Progressives Also Busy Preparing for the Next Great Fight

By C. S. ALBERT

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The movement to reorganize the Republican party and put it on a strengthened and rehabilitated basis will take the form of important conferences among Republican leaders on questions of legislative policy. These conferences will be held about the time of the opening of congress and it is not unlikely they will be had from time to time through the winter.

This is the word that has come to Washington from high authority. It is known to be the plan favored by Chairman McKinley of the Republican congressional committee and by a number of the other leaders.

Since the overwhelming defeat of President Taft there has been something like a general exchange of letters among prominent Republicans on the subject of reorganization. Many plans have been broached. One idea suggested has been to have a big Republican love feast in New York, Washington, Chicago or some other center. However, it seems almost impossible to hold such a feast and not have unpleasant skeletons dragged forth to sit in the full view of the beholders. It is clear there is little likely to be gained by a love feast.

Depose Old Guard.

Then, there is the idea of deposing the old guard and putting in new leaders, selected from the progressive Republicans. This idea has been brought prominently to the front by the Cummins-Kenyon-Hadley conference at Des Moines. The old guard leaders, some of them at least, resent the notion that they are to be rudely thrust aside or tossed into the corner like so many worn-out old shoes. Many of them are willing to step aside but they would prefer to do so with an appearance of it being voluntary rather than to seem to be driven to it.

The question that comes up is this, if there is to be reorganization and a working agreement to go along together, on what matter is there going to be agreement. In other words, it looks as if agreement on policies would be easier than on men. With that in view efforts will be made about the time congress meets to get old guard and insurgent leaders together and see whether common ground cannot be found on tariff, the trusts, perhaps on currency, and certain other important legislative matters.

Base of Harmony.

If the Democrats are to hold an extra session, as seems now to be settled, the tendency will be to get the Republicans together on the principle of scientific revision of tariff rates following investigation by a commission.

John Eversman, secretary of the Republican congressional committee, and right-hand man of Chairman McKinley, who has arrived here from Chicago, talked today about the reorganization situation. Mr. Eversman believes there will be important conferences on Republican policies held in Washington within a few weeks.

Progressives Active.  
Plans are afoot to establish in Washington permanent headquarters for the Progressive party, and from this as a basis to wage a great campaign for Bull Moose victory in 1914 and 1916.

Far from having any intention of quitting, the Progressive party leaders are going to exhibit intensified activity. From prominent leaders of the new party it is learned today that an important conference of the Progressive leaders will be held in Chicago, December 15. At that conference, no doubt the plans outlined for the future will be made public. It will be held at the Hotel La Salle, and will be a great conclave of the men foremost in the Progressive party movement. It is not yet certain that Colonel Roosevelt will be there. The probabilities are that he will not be. Moreover, Governor Johnson will not be able to go all the way from California to attend the meeting, because he has been out of his state so much through the summer and fall he feels he cannot take the time to attend the Chicago meeting.

Colonel Roosevelt plans to keep up the fight with the utmost vigor. At the same time some of his closest friends have been advised by him that he intends to avoid the limelight for a while. He feels the "one-man"

charge is unjustified, and hence he will devote himself to his literary work assiduously for awhile, and will not seek to push himself to the front in the important organization work which is being projected.

Progressive party leaders point out that although the accomplished wonders in the way of organization in a short time, still there were many weak spots. These weak spots they want to strengthen. The fact that they carried the great city of Chicago is a source of the utmost encouragement to them, and is one of the reasons why they plan to have Illinois headquarters there.

Center in Capital.  
The plan to establish headquarters in Washington is based on the idea that the Progressive leaders can better get in touch with public men here and at the same time that more publicity will be derived from the National Capital.

At the Chicago conference there will be a discussion of the policies of the new party. It will relate to just how radical the politics of the Bull Moose should be.

That the Progressive party is confronted with some dangers and difficulties is not disguised by leaders of it. They talk about them frankly. One difficulty in the way of advancing with the Progressive party movement is the efforts of Progressive Republicans to reorganize the Republican party and rehabilitate it. An attempt will be made to rally around La Follette. It is expected. An effort also is expected to rally around Senator Cummings. Governor Hadley seems to bear resemblance to a man who would not be averse to becoming the head and front of a reorganization movement.

Then, nobody knows what the Democratic party is going to do. It will be easy or hard to promote the Progressive party movement depending on whether Woodrow Wilson gives the country a genuinely progressive administration or whether he does not. If he falls into reactionary hands, it will be easy. If he steals all the wearing apparel of the Progressive party and runs away with it, the effect on the Progressive party movement will be obvious. However, Progressive party leaders are going ahead on the belief there is going to be ample room for their party, and for its development, and ample call from the country for the Bull Moose.

### PISCATORY MISSING LINK BROUGHT FROM AFRICA

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The museum of natural history has just received from Camboia, West Africa, the second living specimen of lung fish ever transported to the United States. A block of earth which enclosed the fish had a small tunnel-like opening, an air cell for the dormant lung fish.

The lung fish, which had both double lungs and gills, is considered an excellent instance of the survival of a race of animals from the early periods of time. Its fins are of primitive type, representing a stage between fins and hands, and the fish to a certain degree is a connecting link between the fish and four-footed animals.

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